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## Editor's Mailbox

TO THE READERS:

In the coming weeks we'll have the greatest elimination of HATS in the history of Appomattox County. I make this prediction because so many people read the initial announcement in the newspaper and have called or stopped by for additional information.

You can be a part of this rat campaign. Watch the Times-Virginian for other information which will appear under the heading, RAT-O-GRAM.

The initial role of every citizen is to clean-up about the home and farm.

Sincerely,
James A. Smith,
Extension Agent

The Editor,
The Times-Virgiian,
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sir:

As yet, I have not received a reply to my letter of December 30 that was published in the Editor's Mailbox. In it I asked for information that would identify my grandfather and his relatives who had lived in Appomattox in the Civil War period.

The absence of response may have been because I left out information that could possibly identify my grandfather, Robert Conner in the minds of some of the older people of Appomattox County.

First, I want to say that my father was a mere child when he left Evergreen to seek his fortune in the world. He was 15 years of age and the year was 1883 or thereabout.

Although he was of a tender age, he did not forget his father's kinfolk that he had left behind. From him I learned the names of many of the old Appomattox families that were related to my grandfather Conner.

Among them were the Cawthorns, Colemans, St. Clairs, Webbs, Moores, Baldwins, Cheathams, Trents and others that I have forgotten.

The kinship of Robert Conner to the Cawthorns came about through the marriage of Martha Conner to James P. Cawthorn. As far as I have been able to figure out, Martha was the sister of Robert Conner, and she became a grandmother to many Cawthorns. This information is given by Featherston's history.

A daughter, Virginia was born to the marriage who married Colonel Cheatham. No dates are given in the Appomattox history book.

Robert Conner also had a daughter named Martha, called Mattie. Mattie moved away from Evergreen to Lynchburg where her mother, Lou Trent Conner died in 1920, I think it was.

I never knew just how Robert Conner was related to the Webbs until I read Featherston's history, although I knew that they were kin back when I was a child.

William Trent of Clover Hill married Elizabeth Webb. William was born in 1790. And also, William's sister married a Mr. Webb.

How I first knew that my grandfather Conner was kin to the Webbs came about in a very unusual way..

An old letter has been in the family since 1894 - a letter that my grandmother, Lou Trent Connor, had written to her son, and my father. In the letter she told my father, Charles Conner that she had seen his cousin, a young girl named Webb that my father had courted in his early teen years.

It must be remembered that back in those days, marriage between cousins was not only permissible but was customary - not only in Appomattox but throughout the South.

It is also recorded in Featherston's history that Ossie Conner married W. R. Baldwin. Ossie was Robert Conner's daughter. I was named for her husband. Ossie was born in 1876 and died in 1917.

In the same history book, the marriage of Eliza (really Elsie) Conner to Baker B. Moore is recorded. A son of this marriage is still living in Roanoke as far as I know.

Susan Conner married J. M. Coleman. Susan was very likely another sister of Robert Conner.

No one can fail to understand why I say that it is a mystery that not one shred of information is found in any history of Appomattox about either Robert Conner or his wife, Lou Trent Conner although both of them came from very well-known families of the Civil War Period.

Information about daughters and sisters of Robert is given and the same is true of Lou T. Conner but no information about either is found.

Many times my father told me that one of the last battles of the Civil War had been fought around the old family homeplace.

It has been published that in December of 1866, the Ladies Memorial Association County had the bodies of soldiers killed in battle exhumed and Appomattox they up and reburied. In an Appomattox history book it was said that three graves were found around the old Conner House.

I would like to know if there is a reader of the Times-Virginian who can identify the old Conner House. Also, is this the old homeplace of Edmund Conner? My father told me that the old homeplace had been burned down, I have forgotten when.

Relatives of Robert Conner's musical ability, there was one thing that happened just before he left home in 1883 that he always remembered:

A stranger came to his home and said, "Mr. Conner, I have heard of you and I have come all the way from Richmond to hear you play."

Grandfather Conner accomodated him by bringing his violin out to the porch where he sat down and played."

When the performance was over the man said,"I thought I could play - until I heard you".

I have often wished I knew who that stranger was that came all the way from Richmond to hear him play.

After submitting this added information, I trust that any reader of the Times-Virginian who can identify my ancestesors, my grandfather, Robert Conner and his wife, Lou Trent Conner will contact me with information.

Ray C. Conner
209 South 12th Street
Norton, Virginia.

## COUNCIL TO SERVE UNTIL '74

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ditional lights in the firemen's meeting room, a part of the Town Building.

Councilman T. E. (Sonny) Conner directed that a letter be sent to town attorney Harry Gordon Lawson directing him to take immediate action on all past-due town taxes.

Additional water and sewage system needs were discussed with plans underway for the possible purchase of land for a water tank.

A householder's request for a sidewalk on High Street has not been forgotten, said town manager C. S. Booth and will be taken care of "just as soon as we can get to it."

## The Pastor Speaks

### CATERING TO MEN'S WEAKNESS

The new constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia has granted to our General Assembly the privilege to decide whether or not to permit lotteries in the state. The term "lottery" is a catch-all phrase that can describe pari-mutuel betting at horse race tracks as well as other types of gambling.

Proponents of pari-mutuel betting argue that it should be legalized because people already gamble. Why shouldn't we tax it and use the funds to support education? Also, it is stated that the state needs revenue, and taxes are already too high. Further, to legalize gambling it would will bring it under government control and eliminate the criminal.

To answer these, we can indeed say that people do gamble. There is evidence, however, that they gamble in increasingly large numbers where the opportunity to do so is present. A New York legislative committee found that betting increased 400% in one area within ing two years after off-track betting was legalized.

Also, the revenue that states frequently receive from pari-mutuel gambling is not significant. If Virginia raised $7,000,000 from pari-mutuel betting, this would amount to only half per cent of the total budget. In order to raise this amount Virginians would need to bet around $100,000,000 based on the usual basis of return. The rest of this money will go to horse breeders, track employees and gambling interests. No revenue estimate will take into account increased police cost, welfare cost, and the hidden cost of corruption of public officials.

Legalized gambling is also frequently accompanied by increased crime rate. Legalized gambling is an encouragement to the breakdown of restraint on all forms of gambling. For many, gambling becomes a compulsive urge comparable to alcoholism and narcotics addiction. Further, gambling is often bad economics and bad business. Money that would normally go for life's essentials now goes to the tracks and to organized crime.

say: if only we were as prudent with our holiday spending as we are with our Christian discipleship!

In some things we are accustomed to sparing no expense, but we are careful to avoid extravagent acts and promises. Yet, not in Christian commitment. Jesus makes it quite clear that extravagent discipleship is the norm for all of us, not the act of the gifted few.

Look at the itemized bill. For one thing it costs us our sense of selfsufficiency. "Take nothing for your journey . . . " (Luke 9:3) Jesus told his twelve. He wanted them to acknowledge from the very beginning their dependence upon God and their faith in his goodness. Trust God to get you though, he was saying.

Secondly, they would have to give up their erroneous ideas about success. "And wherever they do not receive you . . . " (9:5). They were called to preach and heal and let the concern about results to Jesus. They would be successful if they were faithful to their mission, the question of statistics they were to let to the Master. Too often we worry about numerical success when all God wants of us is to do the job which he has called us.

It's hard for us to let th hands, isn't it?

Letting-go And Pick

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As an indication of the extent of this problem the Secretary of the army, Robert Froehlke, recently announced that all slot machines must be removed from every Army post and base around the world by next July. He termed the machines a corruptive influence. The new Secretary said, "It is my intention that these machines will no longer tap soldiers' pockets." Whether it is slot machines or pari-mutuel betting, the temptation for those addicted to it is always there.

Edmond Burke once said, "All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Jesus said it better when he said, " Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

What should good men do in a time like this ? Write your delegate and your state senator. Inform them of your opinions. Urge them to take a positive stand against an evil that could spread a cancer of corruption throughout Virginia's society.

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

## THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

### EXPENSIVE DISCIPLESHIP

**Lesson for January 23, 1972**

Background Scripture: Luke 9: 1-6; 23-25, 57-62.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 19: 16-22.

By now you are probably receiving in the mail the Christmas bills that seem as inevitable as the twenty-fifth of December itself. If you are like many of us, you may have spent too much again. Strange, how in December it seems so right to spare no expense. Holiday extravagence seems to have become the norm.

No Matchbook Discipleship

If only we could carry that same sense of abandon into our Christian commitment. Many of us are not opposed to discipleship, but we often beg-off because the cost seems too high. Maybe another way of putting it would be to

## ROBERT E. LEE

JANUARY 19, 1807 — October 12, 1870

During the dark days following Appomatox, General R. E. Lee made one of his greatest contributions to the South to America. By his example of silence, patience and hard w he did more to reunite the country and to restore peace any other American.

"By . . . encouraging our citizens to engage in the duti life with all their heart and mind, with a determination not be turned aside by thoughts of the past and fears of the fu our country will not only be restored in material prospe but will be advanced in science, in virtue and in religion.

"The truth is this: . . . the life of humanity is so long of the individual so brief, that we often see only the ebb o advancing wave and are thus discouraged. It is history teaches us to hope."

King's Super Markets, Inc.
% Mr. Ralph King
Appomattox, Va. 24522

Dear Mr. King:

Dr. Tommy Lea, Pastor of the Liberty Baptist, has informed me of your intentions to begin selling wine in your store here in Appomattox this coming year. Mr. King, as a Pastor with a number of years experience, it is my honest and humble belief that the further selling of alcoholic beverages would be a detriment to our community. As you probably already know, I am opposed to the selling of any alcoholic beverages.

Because of the fact that this intention of yours does not require a great amount of time for you to implement your plans to sell wine and other alcoholic beverages in our community, I have deemed it wise to ask our people to petition you with a Church Resolution that we are opposed to your adding another source of alcohol in your local business.

I trust that in some way our written opposition to this matter will have some influence on your decision in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

PASTORS NOTE: Since our letter to Mr. King was put in the mail, it has been brought to our attention not only is Mr. King putting the wine in his Grocery Store, but there is going to be a ABC store open in the Shopping Plaza. How far can the leaders of our county and town go to permit the flow of whisky in our community when the facts are before us that whisky has broken more homes and made more homeless children than all the wars in human history? May God help those in authority to stem the tide and put a halt to this ungodly flow of "liquor" in our community.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

## Brownie Scouts Receive Pins

Brownie Scouts of Troop 833 (above) held ...vestiture ceremonies Tuesday afternoon at ...Appomattox Primary School. All members ...ere received their Brownie pins and World ...sociation pins. Kay Robinson (far left) ...d Wendy Sperry (far right) are senior scouts ...troop 319 who have helped to organize ...is troop and supervise its activities. (Virginia Beaty, not shown, also assists.) For all ...rownies there were cookies and cold drinks.

(From left): Kay Robinson, Cindy Mayberry, Deborah Johnson, Wanda Lewis Sherry Doyle, Sandra Alderson, Karen Johnson, Kelly Moore, Mary Hudson, Lisa Franklin and Michelle Paulette, Wendy Sperry. Sandra Alderson is the newest member. Karen Johnson and Lisa Franklin received 2nd year pins. (Not shown: Kelly Moore and Wendy Gagneur.)

GOOD NEWS
382-7900

## TONEWALL

...ily, I say unto you, This ...ation shall not pass away, ...ll be fulfilled." Act 21:32 ...and Mrs. Claude Trent ...ils of Charlottesville, ...Friday night with her par... Mr. and Mrs. Walker ...rant.

...and Mrs. Tom Davidson ...e visit Mrs. Annie Gross ...unday afternoon. She is do...now.

...and Mrs. Jack Caldwell ...ad flu last week.

...children of Mr. and Mrs. ...Gunter celebrated their ...anniversary on Sunday, ...at the home of Mrs. Nel...lie Krause. It was a complete surprise.

Mrs. Jean Smith spent the week end with Mrs. Krause and aided in the celebration.

It was a cold week end but we had a nice crowd at Hebron. There were 96 for Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr. spent the week end at Orange with her parents.

Mr. Irby Wheeler and Mr. S. J. Glover went to Amherst Friday on business.

### BIRTHDAYS

Todd Jennings ..... Jan. 22
Lillie Jennings ..... Feb. 6

## Modernistic Club

by Miss Hesler Stevens

The Modernistic Club meeting will be held at Parkway Restaurant Fri., Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. Mrs. Celestrial Turner will be hostess, Keep the meeting date in mind girls, If any thing turns up concerning the date, I'll give you a ring. I will see you at Parkway Friday at 6 p.m.

News has come to us that Mrs. Mattie Paige has had a successful operation at Lynchburg General Hospital. I learned that Rev. Johnnie Page has returned home from the hospital, and he is getting along nicely at his home at this writing. He also had a successful operation on his fingers at Lynchburg General Hospital in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Fannie Womack is in the hospital too at this writing. We hope she is improving. Mr. Julian Hamlet is improving slowly after a successful operation at Lynchburg General Hospital. We are praying that our sick will soon be back home.

Mrs. Modessa Jordan who was ill last week is up and around at this writing. We are very proud to see her outagain.

We trust that all of the sick will soon be up and around very soon.

In and out of town over the week end:

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pankey and Mrs. Martha Reid of Baltimore, Md. were the week end guest of Mrs. Bertha Pankey. While in the county, Mesdames: Pankey, Reid, and Miss Cora Pankey visited the Stevens in Appomattox Monday morning for a very pleasant chat, which was enjoyed very much. We wish them to surprise us again very soon.

Messres George Stevens and John Henry Lewis visited in the home of the Pankey's Sunday, and also Monday.

Rev. Rose of Amherst, and pastor of Springfield Baptist Church was Sunday dinner guest along with the guest from Baltimore, Md., at the Pankey's for Sunday dinner. They all had very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Hamlet is busy going back and forth to Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital visiting her husband. We hope he will soon be home again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher were in an automobile accident Saturday, around 2 p.m. in Lynchburg. The two were admitted to Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital. She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband John C. Fisher. Her husband was treated at the hospital and released. Mrs. Fisher remained in General Marshall Lodge in satisfactory condition. They are the parents of the former Mrs. Juanita Fisher Straun, a former Home Ec instructor at Carver - Price High School, Appomattox. We hope for both a speedy recovery. They reside at 1404 Taylor St., Lynchburg, Va.

"See you next week"!

### Elen Doss
### Girl of the Month

Ellen Doss was chosen Girl of the Month for December by the Appomattox Chapter Future Homemakers of America at Appomattox County High School. Ellen attended the State Convention and local and federation Officers' Planning meetings. She assisted with refreshments for the P.T.A. Ellen participated in the Five County Fair, planning and setting up the fair booth which won first place. She also won top honors at the fair in exhibits and dress review.

She is serving as Co-Chairman of the Pram Committee and as Vice President of the Club.

Ellen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Doss, Jr. of Appomattox, Va.

## PAMPLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Couch and family have returned to their home in San Diego, Calif., after a visit here with Mr. Couch's mother, Mrs. Harry Baldwin and Mr. Baldwin.

The Youth Council of Elon Baptist Church which meets monthly to plan programs and activities for youth and children of the church, has named officers. They sponsor the youth choir which sings at 11 o'clock service. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Cobb, Jr. Officers elected were Jane Hix, president; Vicki Dickerson, secretary; Danny Hix, treasurer; and Kent Ramsey, Nancy Smith, Sue Harris and Steve Franklin, representatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tipton and family were guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell. They were en route from Maryland where they attended the funeral of Mr. Tipton's aunt to their home in Largo, Fla.

Miss Peggy Wooldridge of Evergreen left last Monday for a 10 day tour of the Holy Land.

Col. and Mrs. Lewis M. Epperson, who have just returned from two and one half years in Okinawa, were guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McLaughlin. Col. Epperson will leave for a year's tour in Vietnam. Mrs. Epperson will make her home in Spruce Pine, N. C.

Miss Diana Wilshire has just returned from Mexico where she was chosen as the student from Longwood College to study Spanish.

Miss Martha Williams and Miss Flora Belle Williams visited relatives in Richmond last Sunday.

Miss Donna Smith of William and Mary College is spending her semester break with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, Jr.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaydon Maxwell last week were Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Thompson, Ararat, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Routt and daughter, Evergreen, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elder and daughters, Mr. Tom Maxwell and Mr. Robert Maxwell of Appomattox.

SP/4 Malcolm Ingo son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ingo left Tuesday for Seattle, Wash. where he will leave for a tour of duty in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coleman returned to their home in Norfolk last Monday after spending a long week end at their country home.

## New Storage Building Being Constructed

Robert Allen Sears, Charles Meadows and Henry Chernault inspect the new storage building being constructed in the maintenance area at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. The building will be used to store interpretive sales items and merchandise for the Meeks Country Store. J. E. Sears and Co., Inc. of Appomattox is constructing the building.

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